

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

A Warning From Bengal

THE Governor of Bengal, Mr. R. G. Casey, issued a statement that, as a consequence of the recent defeat of the Nazimuddin Ministry in the Bengal Assembly, he has assumed the administration of the province under Section 93 of the Government of India Act of 1935.

This development in the political situation in Bengal can make no difference to the bulk of the people in that province. The Bengal Ministry has been all these five years of the global war nothing but a convenient tool for the British in carrying out their ruthless exploitation of the Bengalees. It was because the Bengal ministry shamelessly lent itself to this ignoble rule that millions of people of this fair province of India have been dying and still continue to die of starvation and the many ills which starvation always brings in its train. All the thanks that the Bengal Ministers got for thus sacrificing the interests of their people at the altar of British Imperialism was Amery's declaration in the House of Commons, when the famine in Bengal was at its acutest, that it had been brought about entirely by the incompetency of the Bengal ministry.

If India was really on the eve of full-fledged autonomy, the British would not herald it by such a reactionary act as depriving Bengal of even the very little autonomy it had under the 1935 Constitution. A fact like this, taken in conjunction with Churchill's recent statement that no question relating to the colonies in the British Empire will be discussed at the forthcoming San Francisco Conference, is a clear pointer to the future of India if the British won this war. Yes, the British are indicating in a most unmistakable way that they have no intention whatever to relax their grip on India in any conceivable future.

True like their cousins, the Americans, the British are freely mouthing such high-sounding words like world freedom, democracy, etc. But both for Uncle Sam and John Bull, these expressions are only smoke-screens for extending their respective imperialisms as far as possible. Their appetite for the exploitation of weaker nations has been only whetted by the enormous losses they have sustained and are still sustaining in this war. They naturally look to such countries like India and China to recuperate these losses. It is therefore folly—we will say colossal folly—to expect any kind of betterment for India from the Anglo-American vultures. Make no mistake about it. Their defeat in the war against East Asia will alone pave the way for India's freedom, happiness and prosperity.

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BITTER WARS CONTINUE ON LUZON

*Nippon Forces Carry Out
Ceaseless Assaults On
Foe Invasion Forces*

Northern Luzon Front, March 30 (Domei)—Sanguinary fighting is still raging unabated in both the San Nicholas sector in the east and the Baguio sector in the north where Nippon forces are lashing out against enemy forces in ceaseless storming assaults. Frustrating repeated enemy attempts to breakthrough in the Caraballo Mountains at the Salacsac Pass on the eastern sector, our forces in the two days, March 20 and 21, inflicted more than 927 casualties on the enemy, destroyed five trenchmortars and 16 bivouacs, and captured three trenchmortars.

Our shock troops have been carrying out fierce charges against the enemy attempting to advance northward along the Ambayabang River, leading north from San Nicholas, and are checking the enemy. The outstanding event was the charge made by a squad of four death-defying men, who, penetrating the enemy lines on the night of March 23, exacted a toll of more than 30 enemy casualties, blasted two enemy bivouacs and destroyed numerous weapons and ammunition.

In the northern sector feeble, sporadic thrusts made by the enemy here and there failed to develop into major operations as they were all completely foiled. On March 24 and again on March 26 the enemy moved his forces between Bauang and Baguio eastward to Burgos, 15 kilometres east of Bauang. However, a fierce Nippon counter-attack repulsed the enemy to the west.

On March 25 the enemy dispatched a scouting party to a height four kilometres east of Pugo but this party was immediately repulsed by alert Nippon units. Approximately one section of American troops moving northward in the Rosario sector south of Pugo, reached as far as Camp 3 in the eastern vicinity of Pugo. On March 25 about one company of enemy troops attempted to attack a height east of Sison, eight kilometres south-east of Rosario, but were completely overwhelmed by a Nippon counter-attack and hastily retreated far south.

Meantime, American troops at the Balet Pass on the Manila-Aparri highway, appear to be still busily engaged in transportation activities and have not yet started full-scale operations. Our frontline units taking their opportunity are now daily carrying out storming attacks against enemy rearlines, inflicting heavy losses and creating utter confusion among enemy ranks.

50 Foe Warcraft Sunk, Damaged In Ryukyu Waters

*Enemy Fleet Lurking
Around Okinawa In
Invasion Attempt*

Tokyo, March 31 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at 4.30 p.m.

"The following war developments have since taken place in the sector of the South-Western Islands.

"Firstly, although carrier-based plane attacks from the enemy task force have been suspended since March 30, enemy naval shelling of Okinawa, the main island, continues to be fierce.

"Secondly, war results so far ascertained by our air force and surface units in attacks against enemy warships and vessels are as follows:

"SUNK—two aircraft-carriers, one battleship, four cruisers, six destroyers, one transport and 16 vessels of unspecified type.

"DAMAGED—one battleship, one battleship or cruiser, one cruiser, five destroyers, one transport and 11 vessels of unspecified type."

Tokyo, March 31 (Domei)—In daring attacks against the enemy fleet operating in waters around the Ryukyu Group, Nippon torpedoboots at dawn yesterday sent one cruiser and one destroyer instantaneously to the bottom and also sank one submarine. In addition, one large pillar of fire was observed shooting up among enemy warships.

With their strength further reinforced, enemy task forces approached waters near Okinawa, main island of the Ryukyu Group, with more than ten battleships and a considerable number of cruisers and destroyers, while aircraft-carriers remained in the background.

All day yesterday enemy warships continued cruising around Okinawa Island, and since this morning a portion of them comprising several battleships came close to Kumejima.

Meanwhile, a powerful group of transports is lurking behind the enemy task forces, waiting for a chance to attempt landing.

NANYANG & LAOHOKOW AIRBASE STORMED & TAKEN

Tokyo, Mar. 30 (Domei)—Nippon ground units in Honan Province before dawn Mar. 22 launched fresh offensive action against Nanyang and the enemy advance airbase at Laohokow, and completely captured the former city on Mar. 25 and occupied the latter airfield on March 27.

ANOTHER PUPPET MINISTRY COLLAPSES; NAZIMUDDIN CABINET OUT OF OFFICE

*Indiawide Anxiety
Over Imprisoned
Leaders' Health*

Reports trickling through the rigorous British censorship in India reveal that the continued detention of the Members of the Congress Working Committee, in spite of the fact that the health of many of these leaders has deteriorated considerably due to the rigours of prison life, has increased the anti-British feeling among the Indian masses.

The British authorities fear that the masses may rise in open rebellion, and in their panic they have decided to shift some of these leaders from Ahmednagar Central jail, where they are at present confined, to other places. A message from Ahmednagar on Saturday last says that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Asaf Ali will shortly be transferred to Ahmednagar Fort, while Sardar Patel and Shankar Rao Dev will be taken to Yerawada jail by car so as to avoid public demonstrations.

Another report from New Delhi reveals that the condition of Pundit Govind Vallabh Pant, former Congress Premier of the United Province, is serious and therefore the U.P. Government have decided to release him on medical grounds as soon as he arrives in the Province on transfer from Ahmednagar.

In a strong rebuttal to British propaganda against India, Choudry Akbar Khan, President of the Indian Journalists and Writers Association abroad, has denounced Beverly Nichols' book "Verdict on India." Referring to Beverly Nichols' attack on the Indian National Congress and Mahatma Gandhi, Choudry Khan says: Gandhi is a humble servant of the Indian people and one who has served humanity at large by presenting to the world the humane Eastern philosophy and its application to a society which has gone mad. The Congress constitution is democratic. Choudry Khan adds that the British customs and habits are as black or even worse than any on the face of the earth.

*Provincial Autonomy Ends
In Bengal; Governor Takes
Over Administration*

Following the defeat of the puppet Ministry of Sir Nazimuddin in the Bengal Assembly on Thursday, when the whole of the Budget demand under the head "Agriculture" was rejected by the Assembly, the Governor of Bengal, R. G. Casey, has taken over the administration of the Province under Section 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935. In a statement issued in Calcutta on Friday last, Casey admits that the situation in Bengal is rather serious and therefore he has decided to assume direct administration of the Province with the concurrence of the Governor-General.

Commenting on the action of the Bengal Governor in suspending the constitution of the province, well-informed political observers declare that it is one more proof of the utterly sham character of the so-called provincial autonomy in India. It also indicates in a most unmistakable way that the British have no intention whatever to relax their iron grip on India now or in the future, these observers add.

Meanwhile, a despatch from Calcutta reveals that R. G. Casey, Governor of Bengal, issued a proclamation on Saturday announcing that he has assumed the direct administration of the province. The despatch adds that the Governor has certified the financial estimates of expenditure for 1945/46 and has also prorogued both Houses of the Bengal Legislature, thus depriving the province of even the slightest vestige of provincial autonomy.

The anti-British revolution in India goes on with unabated intensity striking terror and panic in the hearts of the British authorities. Reports from India reveal that sabotage activities of the anti-British revolutionaries are going on in full swing all over India, particularly in the Province of Bengal, Bihar and Assam. Besides dislocating railway and road transport and reducing the production in war industries and workshops, the daring saboteurs are also reported to be doing their best to damage the planes by removing important nuts and bolts. These planes, when they subsequently take off, develop serious engine trouble and crash to the ground.

A New Delhi report quoting a press note announced that on March 25 a bomber crashed down in Dibru Village in Bengal. The press note added that as a result, 8 persons were killed, ten wounded and ten houses collapsed. The report did not, however, reveal the loss sustained by the British and American air forces' personnel.

No Big Change In Situation Seen On West Front

Berlin, March 30. (Domei)—The German High Command today announced that there has been no change in the situation between the Ruhr, Rhine and Sieg, where German legions are offering furious resistance to strong American assaults.

On the Lower Rhine, German troops were reported to have foiled attempts at encirclement in the Emmerich sector and prevented the widening of the anti-Axis bridgehead towards the west.

The communique said, however, that the Anglo-American forces have widened their wedge in the area to Stadthagen, some 28 kilometres from Bocholt.

Walter Plato, Trans-Ocean correspondent, said that all indications point that British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery and American General Dwight Eisenhower are seeking to carry through a pincer movement which would join somewhere in the area of Munster, Paderborn and Kassel.

The success of this manoeuvre, he said, however, is by no means certain, as strong German forces are continuing to pin down the Americans between the Ruhr, Rhine and Sieg. At Gladback, east of Cologne, for instance, the Americans have only made small progress.

Plato said that the German High Command will certainly throw in all available reserves to frustrate the Anglo-American plan.

At Aschaffenburg, the Germans were reported to have consolidated their positions after annihilating an American tank spearhead. From their new defence, the Germans were said to have launched a counter-thrust, throwing the Americans back across the Main, south-east of the city.

The abortive enemy attempt to cross between Duesseldorf and Leverkusen also shows that General Eisenhower has given up direct attacks against the strong German fortification ring south of the Ruhr district, Plato said.

On the Soviet-German front, the High Command admitted the loss of Danzig and Kuestrin bridgehead.

Enemy Super Fortresses Raid Kyushu District

Tokyo, March 31. (Domei)—More than 100 Mariana-based B-29's from 10.00 a.m. to noon today, March 31, raided the Kyushu district, concentrating their attacks mainly on airfields and airfield facilities there.

It is believed that raids by B-29's will be further intensified against Kyushu to support enemy operations against the main island of Okinawa.

British Task Force Takes Part In Ryukyu Fighting

Lisbon, March 29. (Domei)—American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz today disclosed that a task force of the British Pacific Fleet, including the battleship "King George V" and the aircraft-carrier "Illustrious," is participating in the Ryukyu fighting under the command of Vice-Admiral Raymond Spruance, Commander of the American Fifth Fleet, according to a Guam dispatch.

Mariana-Based B-29's Raid Nagoya, Hiroshima, Kure

Tokyo, March 30. (Domei)—The main part of about 50 Mariana-based B-29's yesterday raided Nagoya for about an hour and a half, beginning 9.30 p.m., while the rest attacked Hiroshima and Kure.

Chronological Record Of Nippon Sinking And Damaging 50 Enemy Warcraft In Waters Near Ryukyu

Tokyo, Mar. 31. (Domei)—In the Ryukyu Islands sector, our air and surface units confirmed today accounted for 50 enemy warships and transports either sunk or damaged during the three-day period beginning March 26, as announced by Dai Honyei this afternoon.

A chronological record of war results scored by our fighting services as announced in today's Imperial Headquarters communique follows:

March 26—One enemy aircraft-carrier sunk; a warcraft of unidentified category damaged.

March 28—Three medium-size enemy warships sunk; another set ablaze by an attack carried out by the army "Sekishin" Special Attack Air Corps under the command of Sub-Lieutenant Tsurumi. In addition, several enemy warcraft were observed enveloped in flames in waters off Kerama Islands. Furthermore, six enemy destroyers were sunk when they hit our mines.

From midnight March 28 to dawn March 29—One column of fire shot up skyward from among enemy warcraft shortly after midnight in waters north of Kerama Islands as the result of an attack by our Special Attack Corps. This column of fire was observed from the main island of Okinawa. Almost simultaneously one large enemy warcraft was sunk.

2.55 a.m.—One large enemy warcraft set ablaze.

3.00 a.m.—One small warcraft instantaneously sunk.

3.48 a.m.—One medium-size warcraft instantaneously sunk.

4.47 a.m.—One small warcraft sunk.

5.55 a.m.—Two medium-size warcraft instantaneously sunk.

and one medium-size warcraft damaged and one small warship set ablaze.

6.18 a.m.—Four warships of unidentified category sunk, all at the hands of our Special Attack Corps.

Furthermore, in waters south of Kerama Islands, at 7.06 a.m. an enemy cruiser was sunk and another instantaneously sunk, while five large warcraft were heavily damaged and set ablaze.

Also in waters south and south-east of Shuri, at 3.15 a.m. one large enemy warcraft was witnessed instantaneously sunk, while one column of fire was observed at 7.30 a.m. Also in waters south of Kumesima and Minatogawa Island, successive detonations were heard. However, the war results still remain to be confirmed.

On March 29 when war results were confirmed by our scout planes, our Army Special Attack Corps headed by Captain Terayama instantaneously sank two medium-size warcraft and sank one medium-size warship and caused another to belch forth black smoke in waters west of Naha at 5.50 a.m.

Meanwhile, our air units at about 6.00 a.m. damaged two warcraft of unidentified category and caused one transport to belch forth black smoke and four columns of fire to shoot up.

At 9.30 a.m. in waters south-west of Iye Island, two enemy cruisers were sunk and another belched forth black smoke. At about 11.00 a.m. in waters off Zanba promontory, one aircraft-carrier was sunk and one battleship instantaneously sunk. In the same waters, five destroyers were set ablaze at about 11.30 a.m. and battleships were observed fleeing in disorder.

U.S. War Casualties Highest On Record

Lisbon, March 30. (Domei)—The present conflict has taken the lives of more American men in combat than the American Civil War, which previously was the most costly war in American history, according to an American dispatch received here today.

The American Army, the dispatch pointed out, has announced that nearly 154,000 soldiers have died in battle since the outbreak of the present war up to the beginning of March, while the Navy has reported nearly 36,000 dead during the same period.

The total is well over 189,000, or almost 3,000 more than the total killed during the American Civil War, and the number of killed still is increasing, it said.

Counting the number of wounded in this war, as well as the missing and captured, the Americans so far have lost close to 873,000 men, the message said.

Germans Use New War Weapon On E. Front

Berlin, March 31. (Domei)—Revealing for the first time the use of a new German war weapon, the German press today said that German forces on the Eastern Front are employing a mobile craft carrying a charge of high explosives which is steered into the enemy's line by remote control.

Warplanes Christening Ceremony Tomorrow

Syonan, March 30. (Domei)—Seven warplanes donated to the Army air arm by local inhabitants, in appreciation of the gallant, death-defying actions of the Imperial Air Force in attacks against enemy warcraft and military installations, will be christened at a ceremony to be held at the Dai Toa Gekijo on Tuesday, April 3.

The naming ceremony will commence at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be attended by high-ranking officers of the Imperial Forces, high officials of the Military Administration and the Special Municipality, leaders of the various communities, prominent Nippon nationals as well as officers and men of the "Special Forward Service Corps."

It is understood the donated planes are fighters of the latest type, which recently wrought havoc among enemy warcraft and aircraft in the Central Pacific.

Free Feeding Centre At Carpenter Street

The Chinese Charitable Institutions Union otherwise known as the Blue Cross Workers opened a free feeding centre at the open space in Carpenter Street yesterday.

Destitutes will be given free meals at this centre twice daily at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

This centre is only an experiment and if it proves a success others will be opened.

About 800 destitutes were given free meals yesterday.

Secret Clause In 'Frisco Meeting Creates Sensation

Lisbon, March 30. (Domei)—The White House's announcement yesterday that the United States and Russia each will seek three votes at the San Francisco Conference came not only as a surprise and shock to the American public but also to the British people, according to dispatches received here today.

Authoritative British quarters were quoted by Reuter to have expressed "complete ignorance" of any plan to give the United States three votes, declaring their understanding was that only three votes for Russia had been discussed at Yalta.

It was suggested that Chungking might now want two votes if the Russian and American requests were approved. They stated that the problem of three votes for the Soviet Union had been settled at Yalta by deciding to issue invitations to the Ukrainian and White Russian republics.

A dispatch from Washington, meantime, said that the Big Three's secret agreement on extra votes for Soviet Russia and the United States in the proposed world assembly point clearly to a bitter fight between the big and little nations at the San Francisco Conference.

"It is certain to stir up a violent controversy among the American public and the United States delegation on the eve of the conference to create a world organization for keeping peace," it said.

The immediate unofficial American reaction over the announcement was described as one of "disillusionment."

American Representative Joseph Ball characterized it as a "gratuitous slap at the small nations," while Senators Vandenberg and White denounced it and opposed extra votes for the United States as well as other countries.

The Washington dispatch said much of the unofficial disillusionment stemmed from the secrecy of the hidden agreement for over a month. The immediate reaction was—were there other secret agreements at Yalta?

Meantime, the "New York Herald Tribune" commenting on the White House's announcement, admitted the revelation came as a "shock" to many Americans, adding, "It would have been less of a shock if the information had not been withheld so long."

Although it sought to gloss over the importance of the announcement, the journal nevertheless expressed puzzlement and suspicion. "Why the Soviet Union should wish to interfere the autonomy of her Ukrainian and White Russian republics into this rough solution, we do not know," it said. "To do so was obviously a risk of opening the floodgates to all sorts of argument—to claims by France, or China or other powers to a weighting in their favour." The matter did not "justify" the risk of inviting this kind of thing, it added.

Meantime, with the apparent object to dispel the growing fear among the American people over the United States Government's policy of "secret diplomacy," which was heightened by the latest revelation, American Secretary of State Edward Stettinius today was reported to have claimed at his press conference that no other

Nippon Forces Launch Big Push On San Sapor

(By A Domei War Cor.)
A Nippon Base in the Southern Front, March 31. (Domei)—Nippon forces operating in the New Guinea sector suddenly went into action on the night of March 20 to pound out the enemy from his positions to recapture San Sapor, on the northern coast of New Guinea.

On July 30 last year the enemy, by employing a strong task force, made a forced landing at San Sapor and constructing an airfield there, encircling it with electric barbed wire entanglements. The enemy also set up sound detectors and searchlights to keep strict vigilance against Nippon units approaching his lines.

In December last year Nippon forces in their drive demolished enemy positions on the Mega River, where the Nippon forces readjusted their fighting strength. Then on March 20 this year, Nippon forces, taking advantage of the moonlight night, carried out a fierce assault against San Sapor. Taken completely by surprise the enemy fell into utter confusion.

The enemy then began ceaseless bombing attacks on our positions. Moreover, in an attempt to check our attacks, the enemy, by employing destroyers and minesweepers and under cover of bitter naval bombardment, succeeded in landing part of his forces. However, as a result of the powerful Nippon forces' drive, the enemy was forced to retreat toward the Mar sector after suffering a crushing blow at the hands of our forces.

San Sapor had served as the enemy's protection point for Mar airfield. The success of our recent operations holds extreme significance toward securing our salient on the northern coast in the western part of New Guinea as well as repelling enemy air strength by bringing pressure to bear upon the enemy airfield at Mar.

Postponement Of 'Frisco Confab Held Likely

Lisbon, March 30. (Domei)—Close on the heels of the White House's sensational announcement concerning both the United States and Russia's intention to secure three additional votes at the San Francisco Conference, Paul Scott Rankine, Reuter's correspondent in Washington, today significantly reported that events in Europe may prevent the holding of the proposed anti-Axis world conference.

Official Washington quarters today are discussing the possibility of a postponement of the San Francisco Conference as events in Europe may prevent the attendance of the foreign ministers of the leading powers, he said.

In this connection, he indicated that the Soviet Union was more interested in keeping Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov in Moscow to attend the Soviet budget discussions than in dispatching him to the San Francisco Conference.

Indian National School Enrols Fresh Students

Students will be enrolled for the new sessions of the Adult Hindustani and Nippon-Go Classes at the Indian National School, No. 9 Norris Road, commencing from April 6, between 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

"secret agreements" were made at the Yalta Conference apart from the question of extra votes.